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Have gun, will travel

... *Richard Boone*





The name is Paladin, sir.

I'm a gentleman by choice



...and a gunfighter by trade!

If you want my services, I...

**HAVE GUN,
WILL TRAVEL!**



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Have gun, will travel THE BRAVE MAN

IN THE BUSTLING GROWING CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, A CITY OF RILY MEN, GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMERS, ROAD AGENTS AND GUNFIGHTERS, ONE MAN HAS STRUCK OUT THE FASHIONABLE LOBBY OF THE CARLTON HOTEL AS HIS HOME GROUNDS—PALADIN!



...A MAN WHOSE UNUSUAL BUSINESS IS PRINTED ON HIS EVEN MORE UNUSUAL CALLING CARD!



ON A ROAD LEADING INTO SAN FRANCISCO...



LATER, AT THE
CARLTON...

HERE, PAPER, MR. PALADIN! SANDIT
STOP STAGE COACH OUTSIDE CITY!
THEY SAY FOREIGNER HIT SANDIT
OVER HEAD WITH CANE, AND TOOK
HIM TO JAIL! FOREIGNERS, THEY CRAZY!



I SAY,
PORTER!

WOULD YOU BRING IN
MY BAGS? AND THEN
YOU CAN TELL ME WHICH
WAY IT IS TO MONTANA!

PERHAPS
I COULD
HELP YOU?



MONTANA IS
THAT WAY! ABOUT
AS FAR AS FROM
ENGLAND TO
RUSSIA!

REMARKABLE! IT'S SUCH A
TRIFLING DISTANCE ON THE
MAP OF YOUR COUNTRY! I'M
TRAVELING TO PLEATOWN,
NEAR BLACKFOOT LAKE!
PICTURESQUE NAMES,
AREN'T THEY?



FROM YOUR WAL-
KING STICK, I SEE
YOU ARE THE MAN
WHO STOPPED A
STAGE ROBBERY!

HARDLY WORTH MEN-
TIONING! BUT I'M
SURE THERE'S NO
PLACE I CAN HAVE
MY STICK, REMIND!



THAT EVENING...

SO YOU SEE, MY ELDER
BROTHER INHERITED THE
FAMILY ESTATE AND TITLE—
EARL OF BRUNSWICK! FATHER
HAD INVESTED MONEY IN THE
RANCH IN MONTANA, AND HIS
SHARE WAS LEFT TO ME!

AND NOW YOU ARE
GOING TO TAKE IT
OVER, JAMES?





LATER, IN
PLEATOWN...

MORNING,
CHIEF HARRY!

MORNING, MISS
CARBON!

H.S. SMITH
GENERAL STORE



HOPE YOU'VE
GOT MY ORDER
READY, M.S.!

JUST SITTING AND WAITING
FOR YOU, MISS CARBON! BUT
WHY NOT LET OLD WADDY SET
HIMSELF DOWN AND HAVE A
CUP OF COFFEE BEFORE HE
LOADS THE STUFF?

THANKS, M.S.
COFFEE'D
BE REAL
NICE!



HE-HEY!!

HAH! HAH!



THAT'S NOT FUNNY, M.S.! MATTER OF FACT, NONE OF YOUR JOKES ARE FUNNY!

AW, COME OFF IT, MISS CARBON! NOBODY'S HURRY! WADDY'D HAVE BEEN LAUGHING IF SOMEONE ELSE FELL FOR THE TRICK!







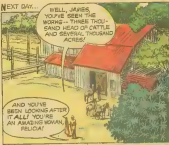
HARRY, HOW'D YOU LIKE TO EARN A BOTTLE OF PURE WATER PRICE? I'VE GOT A JOKE IN MIND THAT'LL MAKE THAT DUDE RUN RIGHT OUT OF HIS RANCY BITCHES!



NEXT DAY...

WELL, JAMES, YOU'VE SEEN THE WORKS... THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES!

AND YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER IT ALL! YOU'RE AN AMAZING WOMAN, FELICIA!



I'M AFRAID SHE DOESN'T TAKE MY PLAN TO SETTLE DOWN HERE SERIOUSLY!

THAT'LL CHANGE! AT THE MOMENT, YOU'RE SORT OF--USUAL TO HER!



TO EVERYONE! I GUESS THAT STOREKEEPER WAS TESTING ME, TOO!

THE THEORY IS THAT A MAN WHO CAN BE TRICKED IS A FOOL! YOU SEE, TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE AREN'T WANTED OUT HERE! COWARDS AND FOOLS! IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION, A COWARD WILL RUN OUT! A FOOL WILL MAKE A FATAL MISTAKE!



HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT FITTING IN?

TAKE YOUR ENGLISH SADDLE! IT WAS MADE FOR RIDING-- NOTHING ELSE!



BUT THIS WESTERN SADDLE WAS MADE TO CARRY ALL A COWBOY'S TOOLS! EVERY PART OF IT DOES A JOB! YOU'LL HAVE TO LEARN WHAT JOB YOU CAN DO HERE!











NEXT MORNING...











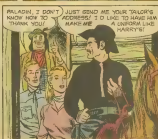
HARRY, CALL THEM OFF! WE COULD HAVE SHOT YOUR BRAVES BY NOW, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE STARTED A WAR! IF YOU KILL THAT MAN, THE SOLDIERS WILL COME AND THERE WILL BE A WAR ANYWAY! HE'S BEEN HURT ENOUGH!

HE IS BRAVE,
"CRAZY
CLOTHES!"



ONLY A FEW MEN WEAR CLOTHES LIKE THAT! IT IS A PROUD UNIFORM OF A FAR-OFF LAND! ONLY BRAVE MEN WEAR THOSE CLOTHES! GREAT AND WISE LEADERS! SEE HOW HE BEHAVES!





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THE GIRL FROM PICCADILLY

IN THE LOBBY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CARLTON HOTEL, PALADIN SCANS A NEWSPAPER UNTIL

SUDDENLY...

FOR A CHANGE
SOMETHING
INTERESTING!



"WESTROPE'S SON, A CAVALRY OFFICER, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MARRIED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS UNFAIRLY DAD."



SORRY BREAKFAST
LATE! DELIVERY MAN GUN
BECAUSE OF HIS STORM!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
HEY BOY! WHILE YOU
ARE HERE, I HAVE A
CARD I WANT YOU
TO DELIVER.

THIS GOES TO MR
MARTIN WESTROPE!







I ONLY KNOW THAT SHE IS SOMEWHERE FROM LONDON—NEAR MCCOYVILLE! I LOVED MY SON VERY MUCH—I WANT TO MEET HIS WIFE!



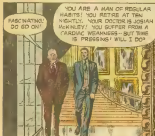
BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A SUM-
MAN TO FIND HER! IT WILL REQUIRE A MAN WITH INTELLIGENCE, INSIGHT—

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT YOURSELF, MR. WESTROPE! YOUR IMPORTING FIRM HAS THE HIGHEST CREDIT RATING! YOUR BANK BALANCE AVERAGES FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS! YOU HAVE SECURITIES AND HOLDINGS IN EIGHT PROMINENT COMPANIES!



FASCINATING! DO GO ON!

YOU ARE A MAN OF REGULAR HABITS! YOU RETIRE AT TEN NIGHTLY. YOUR DOCTOR IS JOSHUA MCKNLEY! YOU SUFFER FROM A CARDIAC WEAKNESS—BUT TIME IS PRESSING! WILL I DO?



YES! AS TO YOUR FEE—FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PLUS EXPENSES! IF YOU FIND MY SON'S WIFE!

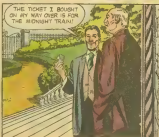
FAIR ENOUGH!



HOW SOON CAN YOU BEGIN CHECKING AT JACK'S ARMY POST?



THE TICKET I BOUGHT ON MY WAY OVER IS FOR THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN!



LATER...



"YOU CAN READ! SNAP TO IT AND GET OUT!"

"TAKE ANOTHER LOOK, MAJOR? I'M NOT WEARING A UNIFORM YOU CAN GIVE CROOKS TO!"

KEEP OUT
BARRERREASON
Co



"THEN I CAN HAVE SOMEONE IN UNIFORM DO IT FOR ME! (ORDERLY)"



"I'LL LEAVE AS SOON AS I GET SOME INFORMATION FROM YOU--NOT TILL THEN!"



"WELL, A SAGEBRUSH LEAFER! WE'LL SEE HOW SMART YOU ARE AFTER A WEEK IN THE GUARDHOUSE FOR TRESPASSING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY!"

"AS SOON AS I GET OUT OF THE GUARDHOUSE, YOU'LL BE UP BEFORE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL!"



"ON WHAT CHARGE?"

"I MADE A FEW ACQUIRED LEUTENANT JACK WESTROPE AND TWO OF HIS MEN WERE KILLED NEEDLESSLY!"



"THEY WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING A BORDER CLASH!"

"THEY WERE KILLED BECAUSE YOU WERE SMUGGLING GUNS ACROSS THE BORDER TO ESCOBAR, THE REBEL CHIEF WHO HAPPENS TO BE AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE!"





OPENING THE REGISTER, PALADIN FLIPS BACK A FEW PAGES...

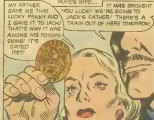


THAT EVENING, AS PALADIN GOES TO CHECK AT THE LOCAL CHURCH...





A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS PALADIN GETS THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT PROVE NOBEL WAS JACK WESTROPE'S WIFE...



THE NEXT
DAY.



"YOU DON'T
HAVE YOUR
MARRIAGE
LICENSE?"

"NO, IT WAS BURNED IN
THE FIRE! SOMEONE SET
FIRE TO THE COTTAGE
JACK RENTED! I BARELY
MANAGED TO ESCAPE IN
TIME! I THOUGHT IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT--TILL SOME
ONE SHOT AT ME!"

THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AT
STAKE! THE FAMILY HAS A SIZEABLE
FORTUNE--AND OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE IS
TRYING TO PREVENT YOU FROM GETTING
ANY OF IT WHEN MR. WESTROP'S WEAK
HEART FINALLY TAKES ITS TOLL!



"DON'T MOVE--
EITHER OF YOU!"

"HOW MUCH
ARE YOU GET-
TING PAID
FOR THIS?"



"SHUT UP!"

"IT'S A DASTY JOB--SHOOTING
A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL! YOU
DON'T GET AWAY WITH IT! THE
SHOTS WILL BE HEARD!"



"I'LL BE GONE--AND
IT'LL BE DONE BY
YOUR GUN!"

SUDDENLY THE TRAIN LOCHES AS IT ROUNDS A CURVE...





A FEW DAYS LATER...



MR. PALADIN, COME IN! I'LL TAKE YOU RIGHT TO UNCLE MARTIN! HE'S BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

HE HAS?

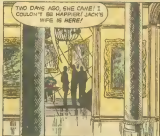


DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU! I REALIZE THIS MEANS YOU GOT MY TELEGRAM!

TELEGRAM? NO, I RECEIVED NONE!

OH? WELL, NO MATTER, YOU'RE HERE! I WANT TO PAY YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND TROUBLE! SORRY YOU MADE SUCH A DIFFICULT TRIP FOR NOTHING!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FOR NOTHING?



TWO DAYS AGO, SHE CAME! I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER! JACK'S WIFE IS HERE!

LATER...

I'M USED TO LOOKING AFTER MYSELF! I'LL GET A JOB SOMEWHERE! I'VE BEEN TOO MUCH TROUBLE ALREADY!

I MADE A BARGAIN WITH MARTIN WESP-ROPE! I PROMISED TO BRING HIM HIS SON'S WIFE AND I'M GOING TO DO IT!



IF IT'S GOING TO MEAN MORE TROUBLE, MORE SHOOTING—

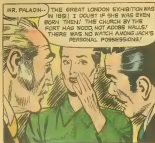
RUNNING AWAY WON'T END YOUR TROUBLES, NOBEL! I TOOK THIS LETTER FROM THE MAN ON THE TRAIN! IT OFFERED HIM A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PROOF OF YOUR DEATH! WHOEVER HEARD HIM CAN HAVE OTHERS!



NEXT
DAY.











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HIRED GUNMEN



"MY CALLING CARD MAY BE UNUSUAL OUT WEST, BUT NOT MY JOB. FROM THE TIME SETTLERS LEFT THE EAST, MOVING CROSS COUNTRY, HIRED GUNFIGHTERS HAVE BEEN USED IN MANY WAYS. A GOOD SHOOTING EYE AND A QUICK HAND ON THE DRAW MAKES A MAN RIGHTLY IN DEMAND IN THE WEST.



"SOME WESTERN TOWNS, TIRED OF BEING BUFFALOED BY GUNMEN, HIRED THE DEADLIEST GUNFIGHTER TO ACT AS SHERIFF AND KEEP THE OTHERS IN LINE.



"MEAT HUNTERS WORKED WITH THE RAILROAD GANGS AS TRACKS MOVED ACROSS THE PLAINS. SHARP-SHOOTING HUNSMEN WERE HIRED TO PROVIDE BUFFALO AND GAME FOR HUNGRY LABORERS.



"A MAN WITH A DEAD-EYE WAS QUICKLY KNOWN AND FEARED. HIRED TO FIGHT SHAGGERS, JUST THE SIGHT OF HIM WAS SOMETHING ENOUGH TO DRIVE OFF STAGE ROBBERERS.



"THE LARGEST NUMBER OF HIRED GUNMEN IN THE WEST'S HISTORY WERE EMPLOYED BY RYDING CATTLEMAN IN 1892 TO DRIVE OUT THE FEUDING LOCAL HOMESTEADERS."



"SITTING AT GAMING TABLES, I SEE ALL KINDS OF MONEY CHANGE HANDS. HERE IN THE WEST, MANY TYPES OF METAL AND PAPER SERVE AS CURRENCY. GREENBACKS, OR PRINTED-GOVERNMENT DOLLARS, WEREN'T POPULAR TILL CONGRESS IN THE 1870'S SAID YOU COULD GET GOLD FOR THEM AT ANY TIME.



"SHIN PLASTERS WORTH THREE, FIVE, TEN, TWENTY OR FIFTY CENTS IN PAPER MONEY HAD FEW USERS TILL CONGRESS GUARANTEED TO TAKE THEM BACK FOR GOLD.



"MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF TOKENS WORTH ONE CENT ARE POPULAR MONEY. THEY WERE MADE BY EASTERN BUSINESS CONCERNS WHEN COINS WERE SCARCE DURING THE CIVIL WAR.



"MOST THINGS ARE PRICED IN BITS. A 'BIT' IS A SPANISH COIN WORTH TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS AND IS THE POPULAR CURRENCY OF MINING CAMPS.



"SPANISH DOLLARS ARE WORTH EIGHT BITS AND KNOWN AS 'PIECES OF EIGHT'. THEY AND MEXICAN PESOS OR 'ODDIE DOLLARS' I OFTEN RARE IN AT THE FARS TABLE."